



Potjie Master

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2026
Entry: FREE
Team Size: Maximum 5 people per team

Venue: Sampada Agri Meat & Retail Market
Number of Teams: Maximum 10 teams
Closing Date: 18 September 2026

1. ENTRIES & TEAMS

Entry to the Potjie Competition is FREE.
A maximum of 10 teams will be accepted.
Each team may consist of a maximum of 5 people.
Entries close on 18 September 2026.
Your entry will only be confirmed once a Sampada representative has contacted you and confirmed your participation.

2. POT REQUIREMENTS

The minimum pot size is a No. 3 pot.
Each team must provide its own potjie pot and cooking utensils.
Teams are responsible for bringing all equipment required for preparing and cooking their potjie.

3. FIRE REQUIREMENTS

Wood or charcoal fires only.
Gas and electric cooking equipment are not permitted.
Each team must provide its own firewood and/or charcoal, as well as fire-starting equipment.
Fires must be kept under control and attended to at all times.
Each team is responsible for ensuring that its cooking and fire area is safe.

4. SAMPADA POTJIEKOS HAMPER

Each participating team will receive an official Sampada potjiekos hamper at no extra cost.
The hamper is included as part of the FREE competition entry.
Each hamper will contain:

Meat OR chicken
Vegetables
Spices

The Sampada potjiekos hamper supplied to each team must be used for the competition to ensure food safety and fairness between competitors.

When completing the entry form, please indicate whether your team would like to prepare:

MEAT POTJIE

CHICKEN POTJIE

5. ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS

To ensure fairness between all teams, no additional meat, chicken, vegetables or spices may be added to the supplied Sampada hamper.

Teams may bring basic cooking essentials such as cooking oil, salt, pepper and fresh herbs.

6. COOKING TIMES

Teams may begin preparing and cooking their potjie from 09:00 on Saturday, 26 September 2026.

Potjies must be ready for judging by 13:00 sharp.

Judging will take place from 13:00.

Lunch will be served from 13:30.

Please ensure that your potjie is ready for judging at 13:00 sharp.

7. WHAT SAMPADA WILL PROVIDE

Sampada will provide:

One potjiekos hamper per participating team, at no extra cost

Rice

Crockery

Cutlery

8. WHAT EACH TEAM MUST BRING

Each team must provide its own:

Potjie pot (minimum No. 3)

Potjie cooking utensils

Cutting boards

Firewood and/or charcoal

Fire-starting equipment

Shelter/gazebo

Tables, if required

Any other equipment needed for cooking

9. FOOD SAFETY & HYGIENE

All teams are required to maintain good food-safety and hygiene practices throughout the competition.

Raw meat and chicken must be handled safely.

Raw meat/chicken must be kept separate from ready-to-eat food.

Cutting boards and utensils must be kept clean.

Food must be protected from contamination.

Teams must maintain a clean and hygienic cooking area.

Potjies must be cooked thoroughly and kept at a safe temperature until judging and serving.

Any team found to be handling food in an unsafe or unhygienic manner may be disqualified.

10. JUDGING

Potjies will be judged on:

- Taste and flavour
- Tenderness and doneness of the meat/chicken
- Doneness and texture of the vegetables
- Balance of flavours
- Overall presentation
- Overall quality of the potjie

The judges' decision is final and binding.

11. CLEAN-UP & FIRE SAFETY

- Each team is responsible for keeping its cooking area clean and tidy.
- All rubbish must be disposed of appropriately.
- Fires must be safely extinguished before the team leaves the cooking area.
- Teams are responsible for any damage or unsafe conduct resulting from their cooking area or fire.

12. GENERAL CONDITIONS

By entering the competition, all team members agree to abide by these rules and any reasonable instructions given by Sampada Agwri staff or event organisers. Sampada Agri reserves the right to disqualify any team that does not comply with the competition rules, food-safety requirements or event instructions. Sampada Agri reserves the right to amend the competition arrangements should circumstances outside its control require this.